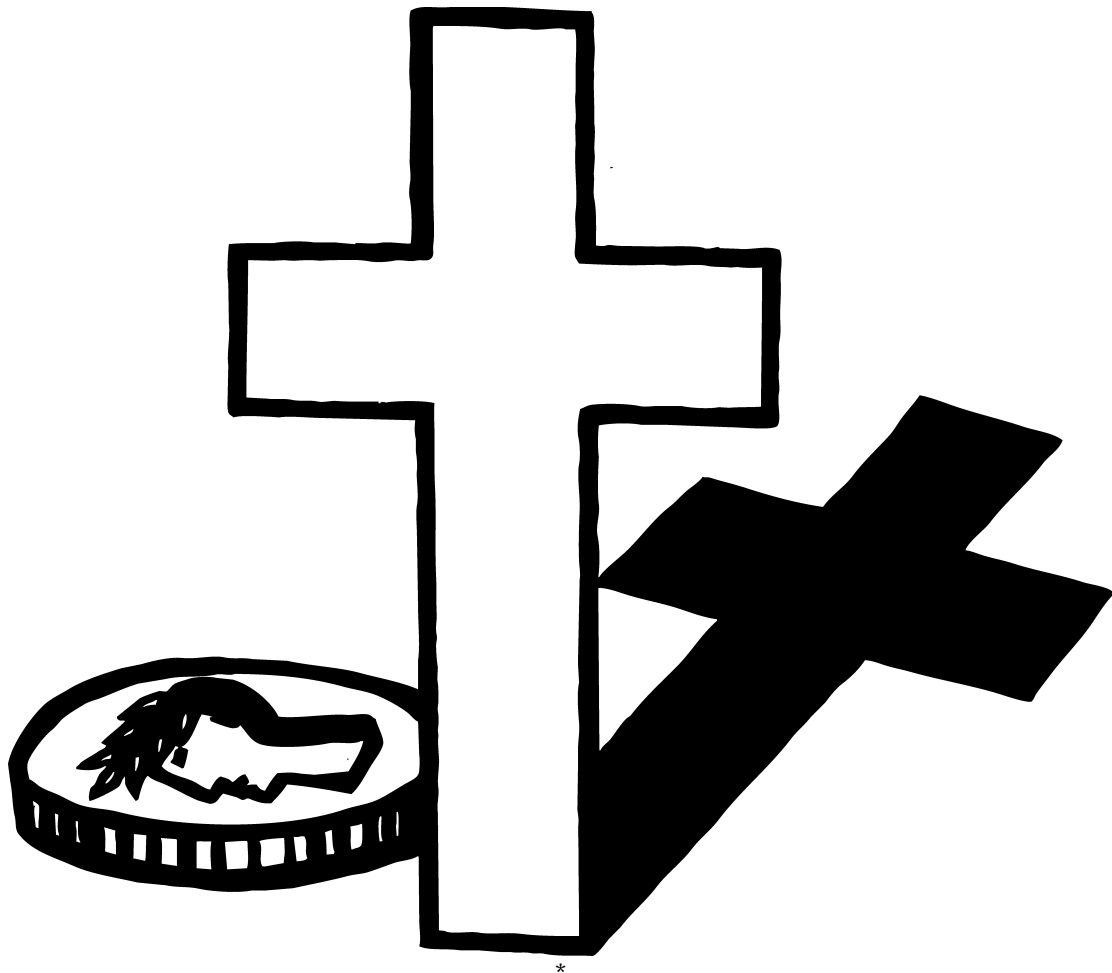


# Grace Church in the Mountains

October 18, 2020 | 8:00 am



## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost -Proper 24

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

### MISSION FOCUS 2020

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

by

Seeking     Inviting

Belonging     Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

## WORDS OF WELCOME

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people stand.*

*Presider* Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

*People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

## SONG OF PRAISE *(spoken together)*

I will rejoice, I will be glad,

I will praise God

Who holds my life in His hands.

I will praise the Father,

I will praise the Son.

I will praise the Spirit forever more.

I will rejoice, I will be glad,

I will praise God,

Who holds my life in His hands.

I will praise the Father,

each and ev'ry day

And I will sing His love songs forever more.

I will rejoice, I will be glad,

I will praise God,

Who holds my life in His hands.

## \*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you

*People:* And also with you

*Presider:* Let us pray

*All:* Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>"I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.”

*Reader*            The word of the Lord

*People*            Thanks be to God

## **PSALM 96:1-9**

*Spoken in unison*

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with

truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Priest*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*           Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

### THE CREED *All stand.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

In the Name of Jesus, let us offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the desire to reflect God's abundant treasures, freely giving for the mission of the Church in the world, our faithful commitment to the poor and those in need; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for missionaries who serve in foreign lands; may they proclaim the gospel message of hope to those who live in places of instability, and reveal to us at home their extraordinary faith and charity; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for those who serve in our government, especially those unseen workers who toil in federal and state offices, and who attend to the details of daily responsibilities; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for our Creator who formed the darkness and formed the light, leading us through both, so that we may be transformed into a holy people; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace through the mercy of God; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Continuing in the Holy Name of Jesus, let us add to these prayers, Betty Bradley, Tom Madison, Sallee Glaesner, Vickie Pope, Becky Prevost, Mark Taylor, and our Homebound Members: Evelyn Overman, Elizabeth Clark, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker. I invite your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving silently or aloud...

*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Presider:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION TO THE FEAST

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread*

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People: *Thanks be to God*

## SERVING TODAY

**Altar Guild** Melanie Walt, Georgia McManus, Jim Lynn, Lauren Sutton

**Collection Counters** Bill Pace, Chas Lawrence

**Lector** Laura Armour

**Eucharistic Ministers** Stephen Hattendorf, Bob Stambaugh

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Inspiring Hope 2021:** Be on the lookout for information about our stewardship campaign arriving soon in a mailbox near you! A follow-up email with online links will follow.

**All Saints is coming up, November 1:** Please submit names of those who have died in the last year for us to incorporate in our service and/or email images of saints in your life to [volunteer@gracewaynesville.com](mailto:volunteer@gracewaynesville.com), so that we can assemble a slide-show of our saints set to sacred music to enhance our celebration!

**Middle & High School Youth Group:** Meets today Noon - 2. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Joslyn+.

**Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00

**Pub Theology:** Meets tomorrow @ 7pm on the deck. Current topic "Inspirational Quotes." Contact Rob Viau for more information.

**Warming Ways:** Collection of Winter items for our less fortunate neighbors is underway now through the end of October. The collection box is in the glassed-in breezeway. Contact Diane Collins for more information or questions.

**Expressing, Sharing, & Inspiring Hope in Difficult Times – Collaborative Art Project:**

To help with your “Expressing Hope through Art” projects, we are offering two work sessions at Thatcher Hall next week. The sessions will be from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> and again on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have already begun your project, bring your paper and art materials and enjoy this peaceful time for working. If you have not begun this project, we will have paper there for you, but you must bring your own art materials that you will work with. Marie Shaginaw will be there for both sessions to answer any questions and lend a hand or give advice as needed. Join us! Please submit your contributions by Sunday, November 1.

*Emotions are not right or wrong, good or bad. They are merely indicators of what is happening, and must be listened to, usually in the body.* ~ Fr. Richard Rohr

**Sunday Forum Next Week:** Join us for a live tour of the Grace Giving Garden via Zoom and an explanation of its varied ministries – environmental stewardship, youth education, and more.

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*The Revs. Orion Davis, Earle Pratt, & Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates*

*Virginia Moe, Organist and Choir Director*

*Andrea Croskery, Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper*

*Tony Caldwell, Sexton*

## MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

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Dale McDonald, Jr. Warden (2021)

Patricia (Pat) Robinson (2022)

Mary Hartman, Sr. Warden (2020)

Lauri SoJourney (2021)

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